

Chou En-lai's Rejection of Offshore Island Cease-fire

On 24 January, with the world anxiously awaiting the President's message on Formosa to Congress and Red China's reaction to it, the [] wire service at 11:02 a.m. filed a brief summary of Chou En-lai's rejection of all overtures from a broadcast intercepted at 10:30 a.m. in the Mandarin language. [] followed up at 11:53 a.m. with the full text of the Chinese Foreign Minister's statement. The [] summary was an hour ahead of American news agency reports and the [] full text was in the hands of government recipients several minutes before the first brief summaries of American news agencies. Chou En-lai's statement, as carried on the [] wire, was in the White House an hour before the President's message was read to Congress.

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